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17 July 1963

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
Two-hundred-seventy-ninth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 17 July 1963

Director of Central Intelligence
John A. McCone
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
Lieutenant General William W. Quinn, Acting Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Major General Charles F. Leonard, Jr., Acting Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), Department of the Navy
Brigadier General Jack E. Thomas, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force
Dr. Louis W. Tordella, Acting Director, National Security Agency
Mr. George B. Pleat, acting for Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB
Mr. William O. Cregar, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes
17 July Meeting
(USIB-M-278)

a. Approved as circulated.

b. Upon the recommendation of the acting AEC member, the Board approved the release of NIE 11-9-63 to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 673

Approved as amended.

3. National Intelligence Survey
(NIS) Program
(USIB-D-51.1/6, 3 July)

The Chairman stated that, while he agreed with the "Concept" section of the subject paper, he was not in agreement with the section on "Direction and Management" and would like to defer action until he had more time to study those aspects. In response to a request for comments, the acting DIA member stated he felt the Coordination Staff had produced a very good paper which, if implemented, should result in a good NIS program.

After an exchange of views primarily on the management features, the Board:

a. Agreed to defer action on the subject paper.

b. Noted the Chairman's suggestion that General Quinn and Mr. Cline discuss further the "Direction and Management" portion of subject paper, prior to further Board consideration.*

*By USIB-AM-63/32, the Secretariat transmitted the action in 3.b. above to the Deputy Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Deputy Director (Intelligence), CIA, to conduct the discussions suggested by the Chairman, and to furnish a report on the results to USIB as soon as practicable.

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4. Proposed Legislation for the
Protection of Intelligence Data
(USIB-D-9.6/7, 3 July;
USIB-D-9.6/8, 11 July)

Because of the time lapse since work on this paper was initiated, and lack of direct DIA participation in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, DIA had requested deferment of USIB-D-9.6/7 in order to conduct a more detailed study on the subject. The Chairman and several other members indicated they were not prepared to act on the paper in view of questions concerning the scope and character of the proposed legislation and suggested definition of the term "Intelligence Data."

In view of the numerous points brought out in the discussion, the Chairman requested Board members to furnish their additional views on the subject to the Ad Hoc Committee by the middle of August in order that the committee could again report to USIB by the middle of September.*

Executive Session

The Chairman convened the Board in Executive Session at 1110, during which the following actions were taken.

5. Baseline of Information on
Strength and Disposition of
Soviet Submarines

At the suggestion of the Navy member, in which the Board concurred after thorough discussion of the subject, the Chairman requested Admiral Taylor to arrange for a group, composed of appropriately cleared representatives of CIA, NSA, DIA, Navy and NIC, to examine the baseline of information regarding the strength and disposition of Soviet submarines.

* The action in Item 4 was transmitted by USIB-AM-63/33 to the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for preparation of the required report to USIB by mid-September.

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6. Protection of Certain
Intelligence Sources

(The discussion on this subject is contained in USIB-D-41.12/2,
limited distribution through restricted channels.)

7. USIB-D-41.15/13, 12 July

(An account of the USIB discussion on this matter is contained
in USIB-D-41.15/14, 18 July.)

8.

(A record of USIB consideration of this item is contained in
the Special Annex to these minutes.)

9. Special Annex, USIB-M-272,
Item 2

(An account of the acting NSA member's report on events re-
lating to the subject and subsequent discussion is contained in the Special
Annex to these minutes.)

Adjournment: 1220

Executive Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTES



3. Soviet Capabilities and Intentions
to Orbit Nuclear Weapons
(NIE 11-9-63; USIB-M-278,
10 July, item 5)

a. As of 15 July 1963, all USIB members had concurred in the recommended changes to NIE 11-9-63, and the estimate stands approved as of that date.

b. No member raised objection to release of this estimate to USIA.

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4. USIB-S-9.3/10, 19 June
(Limited distribution through
special channels)

(USIB action on this paper is carried in the Special Annex to
these minutes.)

5. USIB-S-29.16/3, 17 June
(Limited distribution through
special channels)

(USIB action on this paper is carried in the Special Annex to
these minutes.)

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